

PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

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I, Howard S. Greenberg, declare and say that:

- 1. I am employed by Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112, as a docket clerk professional. My responsibilities include docketing the receipt of documents from the Patent and Trademark Office, and maintaining records of such documents and records of periods of response thereunder.
- 2. On or about August 1, 2002 I did a routine status check of the subject application on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's computerized PAIR system and discovered that a Notice to File Missing Parts (hereinafter "Notice") was indicated as being mailed on March 18, 2002. For the reasons set forth below, however, I believe that the Notice

mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office was never received in our office

- 3. All communications from the Patent and Trademark Office are directed to me immediately upon receipt within the firm.
- 4. Each and every communication I receive from the Patent and

 Trademark Office is logged into a Day Book Report on the day it is received, along with a due
 date for responding to the communication. I have reviewed the entries in the Report concerning
 the period from March 18, 2002 through March 31, 2002. Those entries do not include an entry
 indicating receipt of a Notice or any other PTO paper concerning the above-identified patent
 application. Accordingly, I conclude that such a Notice dated March 18, 2002, was not received
 for that application.
- 5. In addition to my responsibilities, as stated above, for maintaining records of documents received from the Patent and Trademark Office, I also calculate and record in a Docket Book the date upon which responses to such Patent Office communications are due. The response due date to a March 18, 2002, Notice would have been May 18, 2002. The entries in the Docket Book on that date do not indicate that any response to a March 18, 2002, Notice in the above-identified application was due.
- 6. In addition to the above procedures and practices, I also maintain a computerized Master Docket in which is recorded the due date upon which a response to such Patent Office communication is due. The entries in that Master Docket on that date do not indicate that any response to a March 18, 2002, Notice in the above-identified application was due. A copy of a computer printout of the Master Docket is attached hereto as Exhibit A showing the last three digits of each application number having a due date on May 18, 2002. Again, Exhibit A does not refer to the above-identified application.

7. Further to the above procedures and practices, I also maintain a computerized file for each application which summarizes all of Applicants' filings and Patent Office communications. The computerized file for the subject application shows no indication of a Notice being received.

8. Accordingly, from a review of all of the above-referenced records, it is my belief that the firm never received the Notice.

Date: AuG457 19 2002

Howard S. Greenberg